

Forsyth County Board of Health



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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES February 1, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

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STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Marlon Hunter
Ms. Cynthia Jeffries
Ms. Ayotunde Ademoyero
Ms. Sandra Clodfelter
Ms. Lynne Mitchell
Mr. Robert Whitwam
Ms. Lorrie Christie
Ms. Sheila Bogan
Ms. Ethel Evans
Ms. Doris Hogan
Ms. Caren Jenkins
Ms. Lynn Kelly
Ms. Kelly Livengood
Ms. Deborah Massenburg
Ms. Amber C. Simmons
Ms. Carole Watson
Ms. Carrie Worsley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Nancy R. Hardie
Dr. P. Lee Salisbury
Dr. Ricky Sides

OTHERS PRESENT

None

Call to Order:

On Wednesday, February 1, 2012, the Forsyth County Board of Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Board Room at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH). Dr. Linda Petrou, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed Board members and guests.

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 4, 2012, Board of Health Meeting were reviewed by the Board. A request for a motion to adopt the minutes was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. Willard McCloud to adopt the minutes and seconded by Mr. John Davenport and Dr. Kent Doub. The rest of the Board agreed and the minutes were adopted.

Public Comment Section:

The Board Members and staff introduced themselves. There were no members of the public present.

Health Director Comments:

Mr. Marlon Hunter, Health Director, greeted the Board and staff. He attended the State Health Director's meeting last week in Raleigh. The guest speaker was the United States (U.S.) Surgeon General (Dr. Regina Benjamin). Mr. Hunter said "she has a fantastic background in health care, was very personable and approachable and they enjoyed speaking with her". Dr. Benjamin spoke heavily about the national prevention strategy as well as the communities putting prevention to work dollars, which is being distributed around the U.S. It was reported that North Carolina received the 4th highest community putting prevention to work grant in the U.S.

Anton Dunn from Region 4, HHS plans to stop through and visit the Health Department, along with Paul Pearce. Mr. Hunter will give them a tour and speak with him about what we're doing in Forsyth County as far as public health. They want to support us at the local level with prevention and national prevention strategies and make sure the dollars are being used according to their initiative at the national level.

Mr. Hunter announced that after the State was asked to reconsider asking Health Departments to complete a RFP to help decide how dollars would be distributed throughout the U.S., it was decided each region would receive between \$400,000 – \$500,000 a year for the next five years. Region 3 will help Health Educators – six will be hired, with one housed here to carry out the recommended activities of the transformation grant. Region 3 includes Forsyth, Ashe, Alleghany, Davie, Stokes, Surrey, Davidson Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties.

He reported that the department had been working on our Strategic Plan Process, which is required as part of our accreditation process. Also working on the Community Health Assessment and will take information from that Assessment and hopefully from a community perspective, tie in the Strategic Planning Process here at the department. All staff, with the exception of a few attended the initial meeting to hear about One Amazing Year and what it means. Dr. Petrou and Dr. Jeffers have made a commitment to the process and attended the meeting to listen to Doc. Klein, our consultant. Mr. Hunter said he is please so far with the process and that about 72% of staff had responded to the survey.

He spoke briefly about House Bill 433 – a bill the legislature has been taking a look at to make recommendations for local government to consolidate Health Departments with Departments of Social Services. Mr. Hunter announced he would be attending a retreat in West Jefferson, March 7-9 for the NCALHD. Also, he would be speaking at Dr. Sides' Church on Feb. 15th and was looking forward to it. He has been working with Mr. Davenport, Dr. Flack and others on the Health Equity Action Team (HEAT). Mr. Hunter noted that between 20,000 to 30,000 people die every year from flu and he wanted to stress that we still have the vaccine available and it is free.

In closing, Mr. Hunter acknowledged and thanked Ms. Lorrie Christie for her help in making sure the preparations for the BOH meetings are always taken care of.

2012-2013 New Positions (Budget Requests)

Ms. Cynthia Jeffries gave a quick update to the Board. She thanked Division Directors and Supervisors for putting the budget together so quickly. It had been pulled up by 30 days because of the Commissioner's Briefing coming up February 9th. It is pretty much the same as last year.

Mr. Hunter announced that there were 7 new position requests and went over just a few of the key ones, including two school nurses and a health educator. He asked for the Board's approval on the requests. A request for a motion to move was made by Dr. Petrou. Mr. Davenport and Dr. Jeffers made a motion to approve the positions and it was seconded by the rest of the Board. The motion was approved (copy of handout on file in Administration Binder).

Public Health Month/100th Anniversary of BOH

Mr. Hunter thanked Lynne Mitchell and her staff for their help with putting together a program for Public Health Month, coming up in April. The tentative agenda will be: week one - working with the Board to come up with ideas to celebrate the 100th year anniversary; week two - healthy living and tobacco; week three – reproduction and sexual health and week four – rabies and communicable diseases along with the rabies clinic at the end of the month.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

FCDPH - Child and School Health Programs

Immunization

Ms. Sandra Clodfelter introduced some of her Staff, who presented information to the Board about the required childhood immunizations for children from birth through 6 years old and children from 7 through 18 years old. They also outlined those vaccines that are required by North Carolina Immunization Law (copy of handouts on file in Administration Binder).

Lead Poisoning and Prevention

Mr. Bob Whitwam updated the Board on childhood lead poisoning and some of the health risks of being exposed to lead (copy of handout on file in Administrative Binder).

Care Management for Children (CCNC/CC4C)

Ms. Kelly Livengood presented on Northwest Community Care Network (NCCN) and Community Care of North Carolina (copy of handout on file in Administrative Binder).

School Age Dental Health

Ms. Lynne Mitchell introduced two of her staff, Ms. Deborah Massenburg and Ms. Lynn Kelly, who did a presentation on the School Age Dental Health Program. The focus of the program is to promote conditions where all FC residents and achieve oral health as part of overall health and working towards eliminating disparities in oral health (copy of handout on file in Administrative Binder).

WIC Update – Child Health

Ms. Mitchell gave an update on WIC – in July 2011, there were 11,413 participants in the WIC Program (22% Infants, 23% Women and 55% Children (ages 1 – 4 years). Of the total participants, 6,500 are children and the program is serving 97% of eligible population (copy of handout on file in Administrative Binder).

Other Business:

None

Committee Reports:

None

Adjourn:

A request for a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Petrou. A motion was made by Dr. McCloud and the rest of the Board seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Marlon B. Hunter
Secretary to the Board
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